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HOUSE BILL NO. 1513

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Adams, D.M.)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.5, relating to possession, dispensing, or distribution of psilocybin for certain medical purposes; penalty.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.5 as follows:

§ 18.2-251.5. Possession or distribution of psilocybin for certain medical purposes permitted.

A. No person shall be prosecuted under § 18.2-250 for possession of psilocybin when such possession occurs pursuant to a valid prescription or order issued by a medical practitioner in the course of his professional practice for treatment of refractory depression or post-traumatic stress disorder or to ameliorate end-of-life anxiety.

B. No medical practitioner shall be prosecuted under § 18.2-248 for dispensing or distributing psilocybin for medical purposes when such action occurs in the course of his professional practice for treatment of refractory depression or post-traumatic stress disorder or to ameliorate end-of-life anxiety.

C. No pharmacist shall be prosecuted under § 18.2-248 for dispensing or distributing psilocybin to any person who holds a valid prescription of a medical practitioner for such substance issued in the course of such practitioner's professional practice for treatment of refractory depression or post-traumatic stress disorder or to ameliorate end-of-life anxiety.

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